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CLASSIFICATION

Cactus (C.)—Incurved Cactus (I. C.)
Straight Cactus (St. C.)—Semi-Cactus (S. C.)
Informal Decorative (I. D.)—Formal Decorative (F. D.)

- AMERICA'S SWEETHEART (I. D.—A giant, with pure clear yellow blooms of great depth, held nearly on top of absolutely stiff stems. Can be grown to 12 inches and more and has won as the "largest flower in the show"_____50c
- AMELIA EARHART (S. C.)—Very large, beautiful Dahlia of apricot buff with salmon shadings______50c
- AZURA (I. D.)—Ballay. Rose lilac with a bluish sheen of extra large size that can compete in the "largest" bloom class. We had many blooms over a foot in diameter on exceptionally strong stems. The bush is quite tall and a sight to see with four or more large blooms at one time. A general favorite and a fine root maker_______50c

- BAERNE (S. C.)—Foreign. This beautiful variety is a winner. Color old pink with a soft deep salmon glow, a pure Semi-Cactus Dahlia with excellent stems, free flowering well above the foliage. Variety for exhibitions......50c
- BALLEGO'S SURPRISE (S. C.)—Holland. This variety has been much sought after ever since its introduction a few years ago. The color is pure white and shaped like Frau O Bracht, of which it is a seedling. The blooms are freely produced and keep well———75c

- CHARLES L. MASTICK (F. D.)—Winner of American Home Achievement medal. Featured on two Honor Rolls, has all the good qualities, strong stem, large size, free bloomer, a good root grower and of beautiful and unusual color. A bright orange deepening to darker in center, reverse grenadine pink which suffuses and brightens the flower, and its form is perfect. A good dahlia————75c
- CALIFORNIA IDOL (I. D.)—This giant, self-colored yellow ranks in size and finish with the largest and best Dahlias introduced to date. It is truly a monster, producing blooms up to fourteen inches in width, and of great depth. A refined Dahlia of great merit. Prolific bloomer—___50c
- **CORNELL (I. D.)**—A bi-color of garnet and white, A beautiful flower on good strong stems, with insect resisting foliage, very attractive in the garden. Stock limited___\$1.00
- CHAMBERLAIN (S. C.)—The color is most delicate, the combination of deep salmon with soft rose shadings changing into violet. Long stiff stems_______\$1.00
- corallina (s. c.)—An unusually striking dahlia of stone red and gold. The petals curl and twist in an attractive manner. Very good stems______50c
- **CORNELIA BRYCE PINCHOT (I. D.)**—Extra large flowers of deep burgundy, one of the richest colors in the garden. The massive blooms are held facing on strong stems__50c
- COUNTESS LEGER (Cac.)—A flower of striking appearance. Blooms are cutflower size and lacey. The bushes are a mass of blooms all season, color from a yellow blending to orange, a medium size bush————50c
- DARCY SAINSBURY (F. D)—One of the finest whites we ever grew. This Dahlia came from Australia. The immense blooms are erect on cane-like stems, facing sideways. Truly a beautiful dahlia_______\$1.00
- "FAR WEST"—A formal decorative with large flowers, having its petals fold back to the stem, giving it quite a compact appearance. The petals are of very good substance and the blooms will last for days when cut. The flowers are a true pink and sets facing on a long, stiff stem, with dark green foliage. Bushes are medium in height and not compact. A very good root producer and roots keep well. Scored 83E at East Lansing Trial Gardens. Roots....\$1.50
- FRANZ BERGER (S. C.—This fine dahlia from abroad comes close to being an ideal dahlia in every respect. Long strong stems hold the coral red flowers facing up. A very good keeper._______50c
- PREDA GEORGE (I. D.)—Australia. One of the most lovely Dahlias it has ever been our pleasure to grow. The tall bushes bear numerous large blooms of cream overlaid with helio. This variety is much in demand where it has been shown. A real winner_________\$1.00
- FOREST FIRE (I. D.)—A striking red and yellow combination. An unusually artistic form with each petal heavily tipped rich scarlet and enhanced with lemon yellow petaloids which are lightly suffused scarlet. The bush is sturdy and strong with leathery insect-resistant foliage_____50c
- **GREY DAWN (I D.)**—Color a silvery-grey with the outer edge of petals lavender veined. Blossoms set well on long stiff stems. A medium grower and a good keeper when cut
- INCADESCENT (I. D.)—The color is rich rosy buff with a shading of yellow reverse light old rose. It is a seedling of Jane Cowl and scored 85 at East Lansing Trial Gardens. Large blooms on cane-like stems make this a real attraction in any up to date garden. Roots________50c
- JANE COWL (I. D.)—Glistening bronzy buff and gold blooms with beautiful high centered formation. The best of stem and fine heavy foliage ______35c

- JERSEY'S DAINTY (C) A fine white cactus. Prolific bloomer _______50c

- **KATHLEEN NORRIS (I. D.)**—Color a true rose pink, later deepening to mellow pink. Gigantic blooms, broad petals overlapping with twisted ends. Full center, very long stem, foliage dark green and insect-proof. A good bloomer and excellent keeper _______350
- LORD OF AUTUMN (I. D.)—Fine, clear yellow with no other shading. A prize winning beauty of great size and depth with most beautiful formation. Long, strong stems hold the big blooms well out of the foliage__________750
- **LADY MOYRA PONSONBY (I. D.)**—Pure glowing yellow big blooms with pointed petals. Stem excellent______50c
- LEIDEN'S ELEGANCE (C.)—Crimson to deep vermillion, perfectly formed. The large blooms are on long stems well set above the foliage. Free-flowering, good habits_____75e
- MRS. ELLA WORTHEN (I. D.)—A very large flower with long narrow petals which form a very beautiful flower. The huge facing on long, stiff stems with insect-resisting foliage. Truly a beautiful Dahlia________50c

- MISS OAKLAND (F. D.) (Sjoberg-Hook)—Tall pure white of good size on long stems. Centers full during the regular season, but some open later. In all a fine white and a two-time certificate winner _______500
- MRS. WM. KNUDSEN (I. D.)—Pure white flowers with high center, good stems._______\$1.00
- NANCY ROBINSON (I. D.)—Exquisite true pink blooms on long slender stems. One of the finest cut flowers_____50c
- PHYLIS KNIGHT (Dec.)—An enormous Australian novelty that was a great prize winner in 1937. The color is one of the finest in this large exhibition size salmon rose overlaid with rose pink. A dahlia that always shows a full center and is carried on very strong cane-like stems.
- PALO ALTO I. D.)—Tall bushes, large flowers of apricot buff held on extra long stems. One of the best_____500

- PINK DAILY MAIL (I. D.)—Fine lavender pink on long stems. A beautiful dahlia, blooms well_______50c
- RITA BALLIN (F. D)—The large blooms are of a clear yellow with no shading. The stems are perfect and hold the blooms facing. A wonderful dahlia_______\$2.50

- SALBACH'S WHITE (F. D.)—Pure white. An excellent cut flower 50c
- **SPOTLIGHT (I. D.)**—Color a sulphur yellow, shading lighter near the tips and nearly white on the reverse. The petals curl in a most pleasing manner. The blooms are large and held on strong stems ________50c
- TOWER'S EMPIRE (I. D.)—Immense blossoms of a clear gold with a deep amber shading at the center, on the best of stems. Blossoms can be grown to a very large diameter. A tall grower with insect resisting foliage_______50c
- **TOWN TOPIC (F. D.)**—1940 introduction and Honor Roll dahlia. Big full blooms of purple with perfect centers and wonderful stems. For us the blooms are tipped with white about half the time. Tall growing bush, heavy tough foliage. A prolific bloomer________\$5.00
- WESTERN SUN (I. D.)—Clear golden orange, with deeper shadings at center. Ten to twelve-inch blooms on fine sturdy stems. A 1938 introduction which has made a very good showing here and in the Mid West_______\$2.50

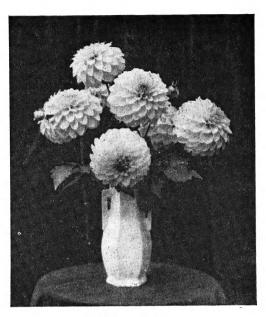
CULTURAL DIRECTIONS FOR DAHLIAS

Dahlias do well in any good garden soil where they have at least one-half day's direct sunlight. Soil should be well cultivated previous to planting. In planting, the hole should be dug about 6 inches deep, the tuber placed in the hole horizontally, with the eye up, then the hole filled about 4 inches. Finish filling as the plant grows. The larger Dahlias should be planted 3 to 4 ft. apart; 2½ ft. apart is sufficient for the smaller varieties and pompoms. In cases where extra fertilizer is required, a good dressing of barnyard manure spaded in before planting is sufficient. If commercial fertilizer is used, any good garden fertilizer worked in around the plants when they are about 6 inches high, and again just when they come into bud, and well soaked in, will suffice. Dahlias require plenty of water, but must not stand in water. When watering, be sure that the water soaks down where it is easily picked up by the roots. A good watering once every ten days or two weeks is better than a sprinkling every two or three days. By disbudding, larger blooms are secured. Dahlias should be taken up in the fall after the tops are killed by frost, and cured, and stored in a dry, cool place. A good practice is to store them in boxes of dry sawdust after they are dry.

A good planting rule is, plant Dahlias when the trees bud.

MINIATURE DAHLIAS

Types like the larger varieties, but small blooms, not over 3½ inches across. Plants are, most of them. 2½ to 3 feet tall, except those described as tall. All are profuse blooming and wonderful for cut flowers, especially fine for table decorations. All have splendid stems.



RITA MARIE

- RITA MARIE (F. D.) Meneghel. Here is another little classic among the small ones. Rather tall bush bearing large quantities of compact blooms of a light tan shading to a deep bronze at the center. The general effect is a glistening bronze. A large basket of these attracted plenty of attention at the Western Wash. Fair. Examine the picture, see how proudly the blooms are carried. You will enjoy this little beauty, as it is a fine keeper, a good root producer and large stock permits of the price. A wonderful little flower for the florist._______50c
- AMERICAN BEAUTY (F. D.)—Named for its color, a glowing purple wine red. Outstanding for keeping qualities. Always in demand ______50c
- CARONNE (F. D.)—Pure waxy white, resembling a gardenia _______500
- DAD'S OWN (F. D.)—Litz. Light rose pink with a silvery layender sheen. The edges and tips of the petals are finely edged white. The flower is very full with the petals curving back to the stem. No ched petals give a lacy appearance which is very attractive. Size of blooms, 3 to 3½ inches, with the bush about 4 ft. high. Won blue ribbons at the Washington Dahlia Society show in Tacoma, 1987, in amateur and open classes and at the Western Washington Fair in the amateur class———50c
- HULIN'S CHERUB (F. D.)—Deep pink with darker center. Centers always tight and excellent cut flower. The medium sized bush covered with bloom. Stems are plenty strong to hold the full blooms erect. New and truly fine-
- LITTLE SNOW QUEEN (C.)—Holland. This is the best miniature white cactus we have ever seen. The blooms are 3 inches across, on good strong stems, keeping well when cut. A profuse bloomer and very attractive..... 50e
- ONAH (I. D.)—A miniature Jane Cowl, golden orange. A little beauty _______35c

PERSIMMON (F. D.)—A deep persimmon color on good stiff stems. A profuse bloomer ______ 50c -Deep yellow suffused and tipped red. PETER (Cac.)—I prolific bloomer 50c RED SEA (I. D.)-Crimson. A fine Dahlia to have with Red Head _____ 50c RENEE (Cac.)—Our new little miniature for 1940. A classy little cactus of a rather pale amber to a light yellow. As the petals open the edges fold back giving it a very striking appearance. The blooms set well on a nice long stem on a medium size bush which is always full of blooms. of bloomia and the RED BONNET (Hulin)—One of the brightest little miniatures we have ever grown. A small formal of bright cherry red that is a mass of blooms. Medium low bushes well branched ________50c STARLETT (C.)—Pale lemon in color, very small blooms on long stems. About 2 inches wide. A profuse bloomer and long stems. About very attractive ___. ----- 50c TOOTS (Hulin)—Another little classic of real quality. The small blooms are perfectly formed and about 2½ inches on long stiff stems. The color is bright lavender perfectly adapted to basket work and table decorataions______50c WINEDROP (Dec.)-A very small flower on good strong stems, an extra good bloomer. Bushes are tall and always covered with blooms which are a rich wine color. Very COLLAREDDES BETSY MORSE (Single)—Dainty little light amber about 2 inches. Wonderful stems ______50c CHARITY MALONE (Single)—Flame red with golden sheen and gold tips ______35c _____35c DAWN (Duplex)-Burnt orange, good stems_____ EVELYN (Single)—White suffused lavender_____35c FOX HOUND (Peony)-White edged yellow. Plenty of _35c blooms ISLAY (Coll.)-Red, yellow edge and collar_____35c JOSEPHINE (single) - Small pink, prolific bloomer____35c THE FAWN-Luminous amber, shaded rose_____50c RED INDIAN (single)-Indian red, brownish gold center 35c RED DOGWOOD (Single)-Dark red on long stiff stems dark foliage _____50c LVER TIPS (Single)—Maroon or Mahogany, petals tipped white, yellow centers, good stems______50c SILVER TIPS SWALLOW-Pure white with white collar. Attractive__50c SNOW PRINCESS (single)-Large white wonderful stems 50c PURPLE BEAUTY (Anemone)-Very fine pure purple, with center tipped lightly with gold_____50c VIVIAN CARKEEK (Single) -Attractive red and white with good stems _____50e VELVETA (Peony) 1939-Red maroon shading lighter at the edge of the pointed petals, looking like old red velvet. Very dark, lacy foliage. Tall bushes covered with blooms, on fine stems _____50c SCHWEITZERBABY (Single) -- A.M. Haarlem '36. The smartest Dahlia yet known. Begonia-pink. Extra for cutting for little vases SPECIAL-Your selection of any five varieties of miniatures, collarettes or single Dahlias for______\$2.00

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POMPOM DAHIJAS

Type the same as ball Dahlias, except the size should not be more than 2 inches across, and most of these we list are the best exhibition size, 1 to 11/2 inches. All have strong stems and are splendid keeping cut flowers. Plants average 21/2 to 3 feet tall. AMBER QUEEN-Golden bronze and amber_____ 25c ANNA VON SCHWERIN—Light pink blending to white at center. Fine ______ 50c BANTAM—Orange red. One of the best 25c BRIGHTEYES—Pink, deeper center 25c BONNY a really pink pom_____ ORIA—A new pom from Australia, deep crimson maroon.
Tiny perfectly round flowers ________50c DEE DEE—Bluish lavender _____25c EDITH MUELLER-Yellow, orange and salmon_____25c GLOW-Golden glow over old rose_____25c HAZEL DELL-Pink with rose edge_____25c HONEY—Yellow, suffused red _____25c HELEN ANITA—lavender pink, white center_____25c JOE FETTE-White. Long stem _____ 25c LITTLE MARY-Dark crimson _____ 25c LITTLE JIM-Dark wine red _____ 25c LITTLE DORRITT—Deep purple, small _____ 25c LIBBIE ROHR—deep purple, very good_____25c MARY MUNNS—Fuchsia, with orchid sheen _______25c MINNIE MELLS-Orchid rose, deeper center_____25c ORANGE QUEEN-Small, better than Aimee _____ 25c PEGGY ANN-Yellow, shaded brownish red _____ 25c PHYLLS deep yellow tipped orange_____ ROSE GRAY lavender, gray overtones CROSALIE cream white SUMEYA, rosy magenta, good SCARAS YELLOW deep yellow yeary good TAKAS YELLOW deep yellow very good____ ____25c YELLOW GEM-Pure clear yellow. One of the best____ 25c COLLECTION-Our choice, 12 varieties, correctly labeled

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Anyone wanting some good dahlias and not particular about the named varieties should, by all means, order one of these collections of untagged varieties—all different. Will make a nice showing in your garden.